MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Command and Control Support to the President

- 1. Under cover of a letter dated 6 March 1965, Mr. Cyrus Vance transmitted to you a copy of a study prepared in the Department of Defense concerning the requirements for command and control support to the President during crisis situations. Mr. Vance requested comments on the study, particularly those portions which impact on CIA relationships or support.
- 2. The study has been reviewed by the War Plans Staff of the Directorate for Plans, as well as within the Directorate for Intelligence. It is believed that the concepts developed in the study are sound and that the functions and responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency are adequately recognized.

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We have reviewed with great interest the study "Command and Control Support to the President" which you sent to me with your letter of 6 March.

I concur with the suggestions made in the study for improving interagency effectiveness in crisis anticipation and management, particularly for greater interagency review of military and political contingency plans and increased interagency participation in war gaming and exercising.

Sincerely,

(signed) W. F. Raborn

William F. Raborn, Jr. Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)

The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance Deputy Secretary of Defense The Pentagon Washington, DC

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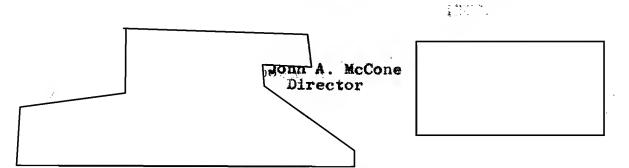
As you have noted, the study is primarily an "in-house" effort, and I shall not comment on the military aspects of the study other than to say that I believe it takes a realistic view of the differing crisis situations which might arise and correctly assesses the consequent requirements for command and control support.

Because of the nature of the study, reference to the role of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency are understandably general in nature. To the extent that the study states these roles, I have found them to be stated correctly. The concepts developed by the study, if approved and implemented, should assist internal CIA crisis and wartime planning paralleling similar planning within the Department of Defense.

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